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Councilmembers Cedillo, Harris-Dawson and Krekorian,

I am writing to you, the Housing Committee for the Los Angeles City Council, to urge you to support the Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance.

Please move this matter forward in committee, with all its amendments, at the fastest possible speed. The long-term tenants of Los Angeles desperately need this protection from their elected officials due to the ongoing housing crisis.

As a fourth-generation Los Angeles native, and the first of my family who cannot afford to purchase their own home within the city, I am a lifelong renter. I live in the gentrifying neighborhood of Glassell Park, in Northeast Los Angeles. My work as a housing justice advocate, and a single woman living alone, and has made me the target of an unscrupulous landlord who has physically and verbally sexually harassed me in addition to instigating quid-pro-quo offers in response to my requests for normal maintenance, repairs, and upkeep of my 660 square foot cottage of 12 years.

Because I have refused my landlord's advances, I do not receive 24-hour notices from him before he visits for any reason, my home is not maintained properly, and I was given an illegal 60 day notice upon filing a complaint with the Department of Health and Safety due to a serious rat infestation this winter.

My landlord knows that the rental market is in his favor; he can behave in an egregious manner without serious repercussions. If he is able to force me to leave my home, there will be a line of applicants eager to pay significantly more than I can afford to pay as a teacher, community organizer and artist of 20 years, or suffer his advances without recourse.

Please support your constituents in fighting to stay in the city they desire to live in.

Sincerely,

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